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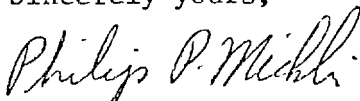
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Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your prompt response to my letter. I should be happy to come and discuss my research on mass water transfers in the USSR with you and other geographers at the CIA. If suitable for you, let's schedule my visit for Tuesday, June 21. Unless you inform me differently, I shall arrive at your office between 9-9:30. I have informed the Vice-President for Academic Affairs of my intention to visit the CIA to discuss my research. His office has no objections. I sent them a copy of the letter that you sent me; if you need written assurance of the University's lack of objection to my visit, let me know.

I'm not quite sure what aspects of proposed water transfers are of greatest interest to you and your associates. Consequently, I believe the best approach would be for me to make some brief general remarks and then respond to questions of the group. I shall put together a series of transparencies that give the basic dimensions of the subject, so I shall need an overhead projector and screen (or wall). If time allows, I am more than happy to spend part of the afternoon with you. I have contacted other governmental agencies and private research organizations about my research and it is possible, because of the limited amount of time that I shall be in Washington, that Tuesday afternoon I may have another appointment.

Sincerely yours,



Philip P. Micklin  
Associate Professor

P.S. If any one is interested, I am also willing to talk about proposed irrigation development in the current Five Year Plan. I recently completed a lengthy paper on this topic and will bring you a copy.

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May 26, 1977

Prof. Philip P. Micklin  
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Kalamazoo, Michigan 49008

Dear Professor Micklin:

I should like to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 19 May concerning the visit you have scheduled to Washington, D.C. next month. We in the Geography Division of the Office of Geographic and Cartographic Research would be happy to receive you for the purpose of discussing river development projects and proposals and your research interests therein. Furthermore we would appreciate it if you could plan to make a presentation concerning your research to a group of professional geographers on our staff.

In discussing the possibility of your visit with Office administrative officials, I discovered that it is our policy to provide a modest stipend in instances such as this, and I have initiated action to that end. I am informed, however, that for us to receive you, it is essential that you both inform your superiors at the University of your visit and assure us that they interpose no objection. We believe that to be in your best interest as well as that of the University and the Agency.

We would like for you to spend several hours with our analysts. I would therefore suggest that you plan to arrive at approximately 9:30 A.M., thereby giving us ample time for discussion before lunch, which we would hope to share. Should your time permit, we could then continue, if necessary, into the afternoon. Any day of the week, except Wednesday, would be suitable for us. I will leave that up to you, but would ask that you inform me of your choice as soon as possible. It will be necessary to schedule a conference room and take care of other housekeeping arrangements.



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Thank you for the copy of your excellent paper published in the February 1977 issue of Soviet Geography: Review and Translation.

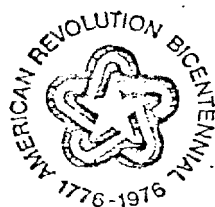
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I met you at the International Studies Conference in Toronto (February 1976). You expressed an interest in the paper that I delivered there on international implications of Soviet river development projects and proposals. I am completing a six month sabbatical period during which I have attempted to collect and preliminarily evaluate all the available materials (mostly Soviet) on proposed river diversions in the USSR as the basis for a comprehensive, detailed analysis of the various alternatives being seriously considered and their environmental, social, and economic ramifications. I believe this is of considerable significance because, in my best judgement, the Soviets are definitely planning to implement enormous water redistribution measures, probably beginning in the late 1980's.

I shall be in Washington from Monday, June 20, through Friday, June 24. If possible I would like to arrange a visit to the Agency to discuss my research topic with you and other interested individuals. I am particularly interested in what unclassified information the Agency possesses on this subject and any ideas as to where I might seek funding to continue my investigation beyond the sabbatical period. If desired, I am willing to give a presentation about my research to a group.

Sincerely yours,

Philip P. Micklin  
Associate Professor

P.S. I am including a recent publication of mine on river diversions and a bibliography of my work related to this topic.

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